

JOHN KARREN

Biography from the Lehi Centennial History

John Karren was born July 4, 1834, at Liverpool, England. His father, Thomas Karren, was a native of the Isle of Man and his mother's name was Ann Ratley. The family were converted to the faith advocated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and emigrated to America and cast their lot with the Mormon people.

The father joined the famous Mormon Battalion and left the family to shift for themselves under very trying circumstances. After his return, the family crossed the plains to Utah in 1850 and located at Sulphur Springs on Dry Creek, being among the first families to settle on the site of Lehi.

John grew up amid the rugged scenes of pioneer life and conditions and took part in many of the hazardous undertakings of the early days. He was in the battle with the Indians during the Tintic War in 1856 when Catlin, Cousin, and Winn were killed. He made a trip back to the Missouri River after the Church immigration in 1865 and was a veteran of the Black Hawk Indian war. He died March 19, 1904.